

Remarks

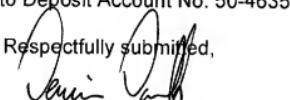
In the Office Action mailed July 30, 2008, a restriction requirement was imposed. In particular, the Office Action states that two distinct inventions are included in the present patent application, namely, claims 1-9 (Group I) and claims 10-24 (Group II). Applicant hereby elects that the invention set forth in Group II be examined, which is encompassed by claims 10-24.

In view of the election of Group II (claims 10-24), claims 1-9 have been cancelled from the present application without prejudice or disclaimer since they relate to non-elected Group I. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation or divisional application directed to the subject matter of cancelled claims 1-9.

Furthermore, claims 10, 12-15 and 19-24 have been amended to delete the reference numerals included therein.

Should the Examiner feel that any unresolved issues remain in this case, the undersigned may be contacted at the telephone number listed below to arrange for an issue resolving conference. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may have been overlooked to Deposit Account No. 50-4635.

Respectfully submitted,


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